

DIARY NOTES

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5 November 1963

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

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a. Dick Helms was highly complimentary of the Office of Communications. Apparently the Director wanted a message from [REDACTED] about the status of [REDACTED] children, and his answer came back within an hour and a half from the time the query was sent out. 25X1A6a

b. There was considerable discussion of the Executive Pay Bill, in which the Director has slipped from Level II to Level III. Apparently this is due to the failure of the Bureau of the Budget to support our position. The Director intended to take this up with Senator Russell, Mr. Vinson, Mr. Cannon, and others to see whether the bill could be amended in some way. H

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2. I talked to Mr. Kirkpatrick about a Fine Arts Commission memorandum which said that [REDACTED] had ruled that a new podium and planter boxes in the auditorium would be charged to the Office of Logistics. Kirk agreed that these items could be charged to the Office of the Director.

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3. [REDACTED] telephoned to call to my attention that [REDACTED] had been promoted to GS-13, the grade he held at the time he was found surplus to the SA career service. 25X1A9a

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4. In discussing with [REDACTED] my trip to [REDACTED] on Monday, 4 November, the status of the [REDACTED] budget, etc., I learned for the first time that it is customary for personnel on TDY to [REDACTED] without orders to pay for their meals. This I not only neglected to do on my recent visit but have neglected to do since the establishment of [REDACTED]. Hence, [REDACTED] is right about this, I must owe [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

[REDACTED] an awful lot of lunches. (I want to have [REDACTED] look into this and establish a uniform policy for both [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

5. Matt Baird talked with me about a number of items.

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a. Replacement for [REDACTED] would be good for this job if the doctors would permit it. I approved.

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b. Project [REDACTED] Matt brought to my attention an appeal on this project from the Deputy Director (Plans) in which they took a strong

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position that this was not really a training project but rather an operational project with training overtones. I told Matt that I thought we need take no initiative on this, but at the same time we should not protest if the project is approved. This incident brought about the necessary guidance which we needed, and this is all that I had hoped to accomplish.

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6. [REDACTED] and I met with John Clarke and [REDACTED] and gave them some statistics showing how we expect to take the [REDACTED] reduction in communications support for Fiscal Year 1964.

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7. I called Emmett Echols' attention to [REDACTED] letter to the college associates to which was attached a Confidential document identifying several members of the Agency, including those in the Clandestine Services. I emphasized to Emmett that this and similar incidents must not be repeated.

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8. [REDACTED] talked to me about a letter which had been received from [REDACTED] requesting that we plan for a national interest intercept station in [REDACTED]. I said that I thought it was premature for us to do anything more than acknowledge the letter pending the Director's action and presumably a National Security Council decision on whether we should be in this business at all. H

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9. I discussed briefly with Matt Baird some possibilities for a replacement for [REDACTED] and was surprised to learn that the person he would like to see in this job to eventually become the Director of Training would be [REDACTED] (I told Matt that I was not favorably disposed.)

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11. I lunched with [REDACTED] to talk about his health and his future assignments. He will see his doctor on Friday, 8 November, and anticipated that he would be able to return to duty for about three hours a day later this

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month. By the time he processes out of the [REDACTED] is debriefed by the WE Division, and gets on duty, it will probably be no earlier than 25 November. I told him that the Office of Training would be glad to have him on a part-time basis or that I would be happy to take him in the immediate office of the DD/S to work on projects which he can undertake without a deadline. After some discussion of the pros and cons and a statement by Bob that he would do whatever we asked him to do, he expressed a preference for working in the immediate office of the DD/S. Hence, this will be our plan. He has used his sick leave, and if legally permissible he would like to be advanced some sick leave so that he does not have to use up his accrued annual leave. I said that I had no objection to this if it is legally permissible. He also requested a parking space as close to the door as possible, and I told him that I was sure that this could be arranged.

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